

A greedy little pig, a hungry monster and juicy morsels

Monster, Don't Eat Me!

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Alex is a gluttonous little pig. At mealtime, he's always finished first and his Mother gets angry when he sneaks off to the garden to raid the potato patch. 'Don't eat when we're not eating', she says, and sends him to the creek to clean himself. When he thinks about plucking raspberries along the way, he's stopped by a monster who eyes him as a tasty morsel. Alex manages to distract the hungry monster with clever tricks. But every monster has a mother, and all mothers are more or less alike. 'Don't eat when we're not eating', his Mother says and sends her little monster off to bed. Alex escapes with a fright.

A feast for the eye

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Mothers, greedy little monsters, eat or be eaten – all this is revealed from two sides. Alex, who fools the dumb, greedy little monster with his wits, is an appealing character, and the detailed colourful prints are genuine puzzles in which Carll Cneut provides Alex and the monster with an entourage. Whenever Cneut illustrates, he always adds something to the story. In this endearing, uncomplicated tale for pre-schoolers, he adds context and mood, with his prints serving up a veritable feast for keen observers.

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Carll Cneut (b. 1969) is one of Flanders' leading illustrators. His illustrations are works of art, each and every one, appealing to the reader's imagination and creativity. It is barely possible to keep up with the awards and accolades that Cneut has scooped. *Photo © Niccolò Caranti* **Carl Norac** (b. 1960) is known for his successful picture books. He also writes novels for adults, poetry and texts for the theater.

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